

Serial No. 09/988,062

Docket No. HI-0054

Amendment dated November 9, 2005

Reply to Office Action of August 9, 2005

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached drawings include changes to Figures 1-4. These two sheets, which includes Figures 1-4, replace the original sheets including Figures 1-4 to add the previously omitted element "Prior Art".

Attachment: Replacement Sheets (2 Sheets)

Annotated Sheets Showing Changes (2 Sheets)

REMARKS

Initially, in the Office Action dated August 9, 2005, the Examiner has objected to Figures 1-4. Further, the Examiner has rejected claims 1, 6, 7 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,249,894 to Lin et al. (hereinafter "Lin"). However, the Examiner has indicated that claims 2-5 and 8-10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By the present response, Applicant has canceled claims 2 and 8 with disclaimer. Applicant has amended Figure 1-4 to further clarify the invention. Moreover, Applicant has amended claims 1, 2-5, 7, 9 and 10 to further clarify the invention. Claims 1, 3-7 and 9-11 remain pending in the present application.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 2-5 and 8-10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

35 U.S.C. §102 REJECTIONS

Claims 1, 6, 7 and 11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Lin. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Regarding claims 1 and 7, Applicant submits that these claims have been amended with the subject matter of claims 2 and 8, respectively, deemed allowable by the Examiner and, therefore, are patentable over Lin.

Regarding claims 6 and 11, Applicant submits that these claims are dependent on one of independent claims 1 and 7, and, therefore, are patentable at least for the same reasons noted previously regarding these independent claims.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that Lin does not disclose or suggest the limitations in the combination of each of claims 1, 6, 7 and 11 of the present application. Applicant respectfully requests that these rejections be withdrawn and that these claims be allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that claims 1, 3-7 and 9-11 are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of these claims is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, Frederick D. Bailey, at the telephone number listed below.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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FIG. 1
(Related Art)
Prior Art

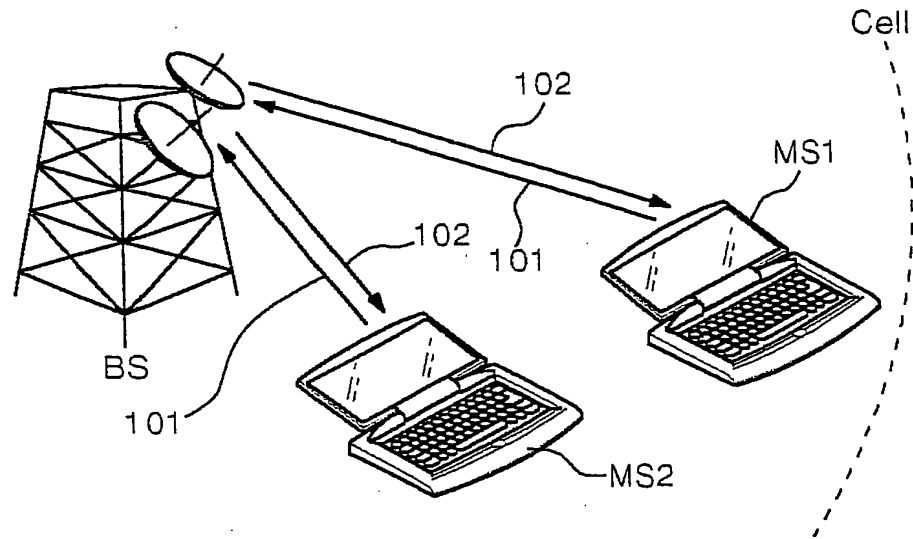


FIG. 2
(Related Art)
Prior Art

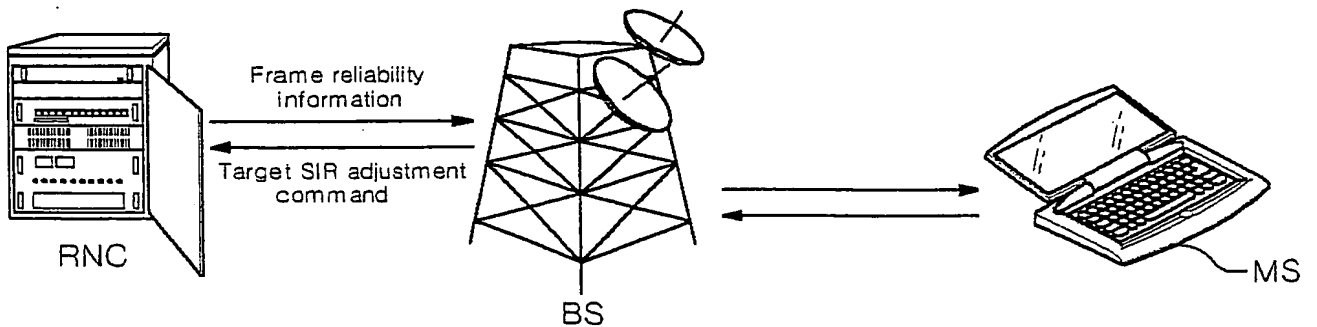




FIG. 3
(Related Art)
Prior Art

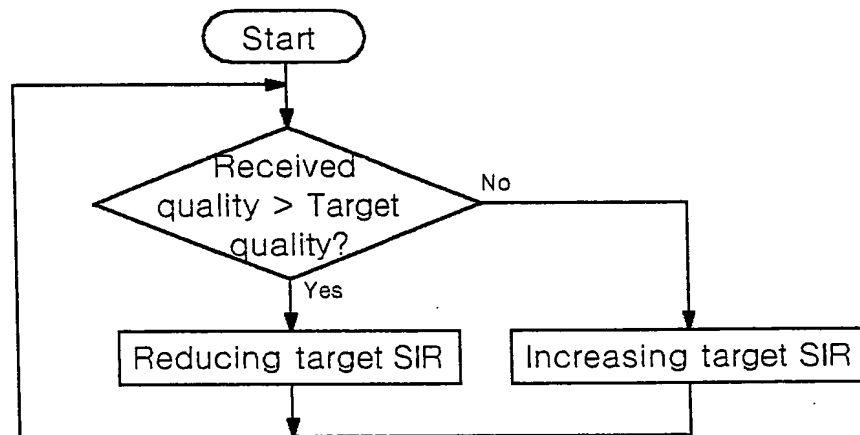


FIG. 4
(Related Art)
Prior Art

